

FCEMS Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2009

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Health Department Conference Room – Earl Bennett Building

Attendees:

Rob Bates	FCEMS Medical Director
*Art Bielz	Representing BLS Non-Transporting Units
Marty Boehm	FCEMS
*Gary Mahugh	Representing BLS Non-Transporting Units
*Mary Granger	Co Chair Representing BLS Transport Units
Wayne Miller	Board of Health
Joe Russell	Chairman
Kim Vierra-Diehl	Representing BLS Non Transport Units
Rod Dresbach	West Valley Fire & Rescue
*Tracy Norred	Representing BLS Transport Unit
Doug Smith	Bigfork Ambulance
*Craig Williams	Representing BLS Transport Unit
Dan Diehl	Representing ALS Transport Unit
*Ken McFadden	North Valley Offline Medical Director
*Tim Soule	Representing ALS Transport Unit
Rocco Altobelli	ALERT
Kathleen Mayer	FCEMS
Russ Sappington	West Valley Fire and Rescue
*Mike Rensmon	Three Rivers
Amanda Lindgren	FCEMS
Lincoln Chute	Flathead County Fire Service
Tom Kennelly	Whitefish
Josh Patten	Smith Valley FD
Jill Cheman	Smith Valley FD
Mark Peck	OES
*Scott Alexander	WFD

* Voting Members

Meeting Minutes:

Mary Granger opened with welcoming John Ungaretti – Heathcare Billing, Inc. Missoula.

1 hour presentation including information necessary for billing, Billing Considerations, HIPPA compliance, and documentation importance. Medicare and Medicaid pay only 40% – 45% of transport, thus payment lies below cost. (PP presentation available through the EMS office)

- **Budget allotment procedure:**

- i. Please make requests by May 1st
- ii. All requests need to be submitted to Tonya Passwater
- iii. claims will be accessible to all board members of EMS committee
- iv. No requests will be accepted after June 15th 2009
- v. Funds will be distributed to unit upon approval and availability
- vi. Procedure remains the same for first and second disbursements

Organized committee to determine claim eligibility both fire and nonfire

Tracy Norred, Russ Sappington, and Dan Diehl agreed to work with the EMS committee of the Heath Board to review requests.

- **Dr. Bates, Medical Director Report:**

Reporting procedures:

- a) Keep clear and concise
- b) Run reviews need to be timely
- c) Uniform type notes are very helpful, Medical vs. Trauma

BLS call off ALS protocol:

- a) Protocol will go before medical directors
- b) Units will use as a trial for 6 months then revisit for review
- c) Medical control will make all final call off decisions in the interim

Introduce 12 lead EKG protocol draft:

- a) State will not allow EMT-B's to interpret
- b) Dr. Bates would like to see EMT-B's transmit to hospital
- c) Resistance by the state of Montana to approve.

Introduce Pre-hospital CPAP

- a) To be used in the field with Basic airway endorsement
- b) Future airway endorsement classes would include training

Dr. Bates would like to honor Dave Sipe for 30 years of service with WFD.

- **Mark Peck OSE:**

- CAD system up and running March 1st
- Jack Spiellman will introduce the system to Mark
- 383 channel needs to be freed up
- Organize committee to move EMS to its own channel
- Big Mt. Tower was down due to weather/ rebuilt with new repeater frequency
- Mark is very busy, please contact Kristi at 5560
- 911 center is on schedule
- Personal Identification for all county personal
 - i. Emergency Rooms are requesting all EMS personal to wear id badges
 - ii. ID badges required for mass casualty incidents
 - iii. OES has the equipment and capability to execute
- Committee organized to launch ID procedure
Cindy, Kristi M., Joe R., Tracy N., Gary M., Lincoln

- **Fire Service Charges:**

Mary Granger and Joe Russel will be gathering more information concerning out of district fire calls

All units except Kalispell, Evergreen, and Badrock were discussed

- **Visioning Process:**

During the next meeting, visit the 5 year vision

What do we want, what are we trying to accomplish, build plan

- **EMS levy distribution:**

Define process of distribution

Models to discuss at a later date

- **Future agenda:**

Items to be submitted to Mary Granger

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm